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Pittsburgh police's new leader has local roots, 35 years in law enforcement



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Former Madison, Wisc., police captain Cameron McLay has been named new chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.

The 56-year-old McClay will replace Regina McDonald, who had been acting police chief since Nate Harper's resignation in early 2012. McClay, whose salary is \$109,160 a year, will join the force Sept. 15.

Peduto said McLay will be tasked with restoring the public trust in the police bureau and rebuilding morale among the rank-and-file.

"I believe he is up to the task," Peduto said.

McLay was one of 10 finalists for the job, four of whom were internal candidates. The other six were from elsewhere. Of the 10, four were interviewed.

Peduto said McLay is a student -- and teacher -- of community-oriented policing.

"I felt that he walks with the people," Peduto said.

McLay joined the Indiana University Police Department in 1979 as a patrol officer and then worked at the Madison Police Department, retiring as a captain earlier this year. McLay has been a leadership development consultant for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and has experience in organizational leadership, dispersed ethical leadership and community policing.

His selection was made following help from the Carnegie Mellon University Deliberative Democracy initiative and a Talent City organization. McLay lived in Mt. Lebanon for three years as a youth while his father worked at Alcoa Inc.

He wasn't available for interviews, according to a news release from Peduto's office.

"I intend to be very visible, very engaged and very transparent. Over the next few days however, my primary focus must be on my family as we prepare for our move, and on familiarizing myself with the local issues so as to be able to speak intelligently to those issues," McClay said in a prepared statement.

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